

## HOME-LAND

By RONALD S. O'NEILL

In travels far and wide over this land of liberty and of light, I have seen and admired much of its scenic grandeur. I have heard the lappings of the broad Atlantic on peaceful New England shores and have watched the sun sink in splendor behind the Golden Gate. I have tramped the beautiful valley of the Chicoutimi, away up in upper Quebec, where the railroad time-tables read like a litany of the saints. I have known the awe and wonder of the human mind that sees but cannot fathom the infinite mysteries of the Colorado's canyon, and yet I say, with all of the fervor of an adopted son's admiring heart, that nowhere is the bird's song sweeter, nowhere is the grass greener or the sky more perfect blue than here in the city of Washington.

Home of liberty and of light; source and center of the majesty and power of the world's greatest government—Washington is and must ever be the hub of the world's activity. Its history gives splendid promise of its future! Its past has been an overlapping of achievement upon achievement; of growth upon growth; of prestige upon prestige. Its present has been the scene of the splendid fruition of the most stupendous undertakings in the world's history. Its future is resplendent with promise!

But the lasting glory of Washington must rest on the content and happiness of its people. Shorn of its trappings and its tinsel a nation or a city must stand or fall, in the final test, upon the patriotism and stability of its populace.

History admits of no contradiction to the assertion that a nation's or a city's stability rests upon the number of its home owners. "The home is the foundation of the State." The home owner is its sincerest patriot, its most substantial asset.

There can be no loftier ambition, no more praiseworthy achievement than for every man to own his own home. In this day and age of opportunity, home owning amounts almost to a duty. The earth is our common heritage. Men are the only real kings and all the land of the earth is their domain. Purpose—thrift—perhaps some sacrifice—are necessary, but every man can, if he will, own his own home. What better spot on God's footstool upon which to own YOUR own home, than here in the Capital of America—the Capital of the World.

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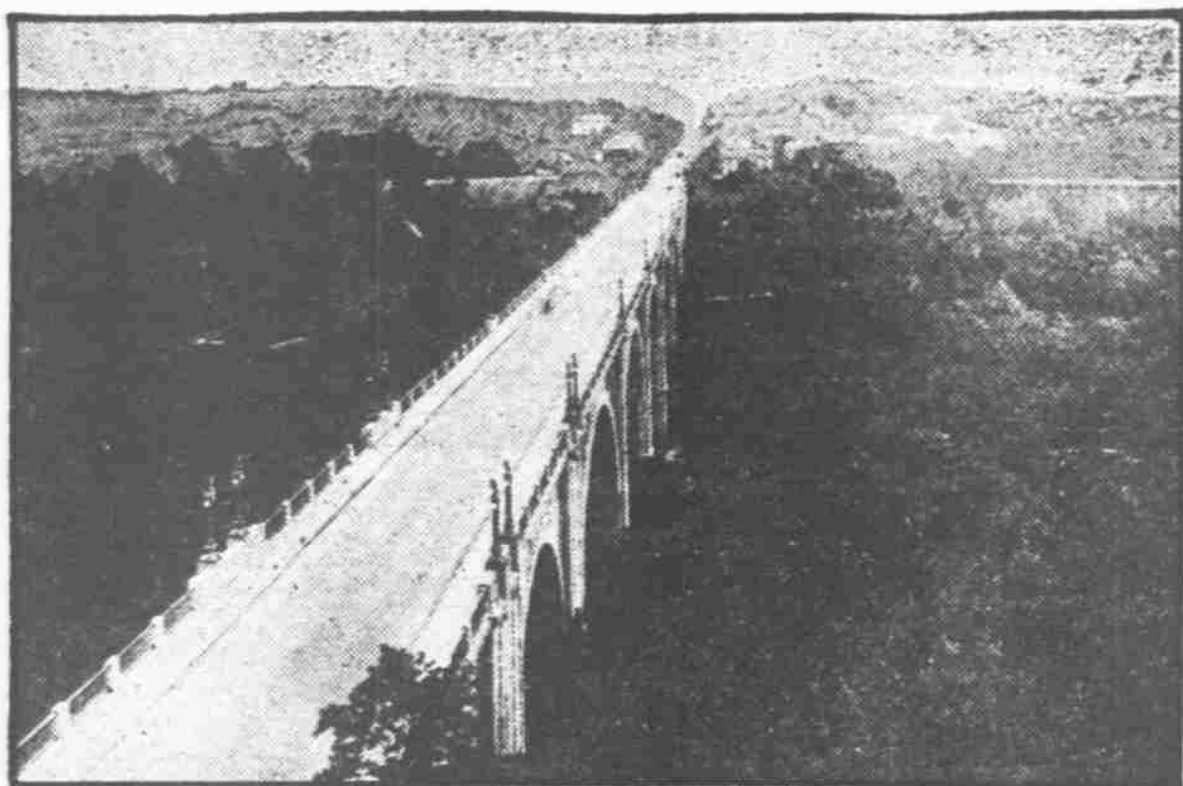
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